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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of : Gerhard HARTWICH  
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Filed : with an effective filing date of September 1, 2000  
For : METHOD FOR ELECTROCHEMICALLY  
DETECTING SEQUENCE-SPECIFIC NUCLEIC  
ACID-OLIGOMER HYBRIDISATION EVENTS

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### SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

#### In the Specification:

Please cancel paragraphs 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 40, 41, 43, 44, 64, 66, 70, 76, 77, 79, 80, 86, 87 and 88 of the specification, in their entirety, in favor of a clean form of paragraphs 13-15, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 40, 41, 43, 44, 64, 66, 70, 76, 77, 79, 80, 86, 87 and 88 of the specification, without any markings thereon, as follows. Accompanying this response is a copy of the original paragraphs of the specification which show the addition(s) (by underlining, highlighting and bold) and the deletion(s) (by strikeout) to the canceled specification paragraphs. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.